

L.A.W. ROCKET SYSTEM

66MM LIGHT ANTITANK WEAPON OPERATION MANUAL



**M72A1, M72A2 WITH COUPLER,
M72A3 AND PRACTICE ROCKET
LAUNCHER M190 WITH M73
PRACTICE ROCKET.**

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION



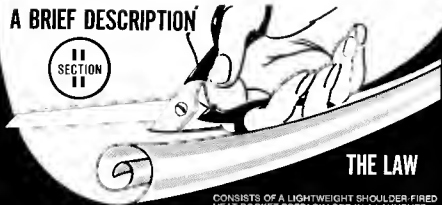
GENERAL

1-1. SCOPE

THIS MANUAL CONTAINS A DESCRIPTION OF AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPERATIONS OF THE 66-MM LIGHT ANTITANK WEAPON (LAW) SYSTEM M72A1, M72A2 WITH COUPLER, M72A3 AND PRACTICE ROCKET LAUNCHER M190 WITH M73 PRACTICE ROCKET.

THE OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE TACTICAL AND PRACTICE WEAPONS ARE IDENTICAL.

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION

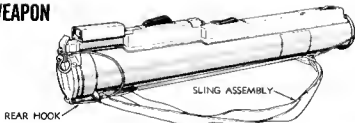


THE LAW

CONSISTS OF A LIGHTWEIGHT SHOULDER-FIRED HEAT ROCKET PREPACKAGED IN A LAUNCHER. END COVERS PROTECT ROCKET AGAINST DIRT AND MOISTURE. THE WEAPON IS CARRIED SLUNG OVER THE SHOULDER BY AN ATTACHED SLING ASSEMBLY.

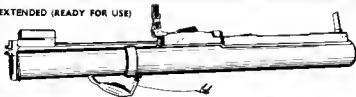
THE PRACTICE LAUNCHER, M190, IS A MODIFIED M72A1 LAUNCHER CONVERTED TO FIRE A 35-MM M73 ROCKET. THE ROCKET WHICH CONTAINS A SPOTTING CHARGE, SIMULATES THE FIRING OF THE TACTICAL WEAPON.

WEAPON



EXTERNAL VIEW AS ISSUED (NOT EXTENDED)

EXTENDED (READY FOR USE)



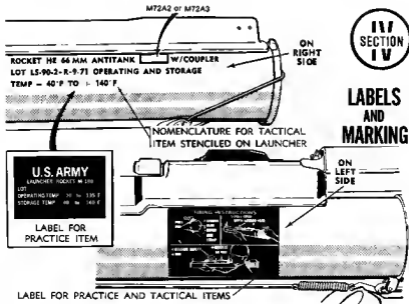
NOTE: EXTERNAL VIEW OF TACTICAL AND PRACTICE WEAPON ARE IDENTICAL.



DATA

WEAPON DATA

	Tactical		Practicon
	M72A1	M72A2, M72A3	Launcher M190 w/Rocket M73
Weight	5.1-Lbs.	5.1-Lbs.	5.-Lbs.
Color Identification Launcher Firing Instruction Label	OD OD Background White Printing	OD OD Background White Printing	OD OD Background White Printing
Model, Lot No, Date Mfg Label	OD W/Yellow Printing	OD W/Yellow Printing	OD W/ Yellow Printing
Workhead	M72 (Heat)	M72A1 (Nmnt)	Spotting Charge
Complete Length (Closed) Nominal (Open) Nominal	24.7-in. 34.7-in.	24.7-in. 34.7-in.	25.3-in. 35.4-in.
Diameter	4.9-in.	4.9-in.	4.9-in.

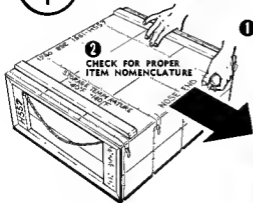


Following applies to tactical weapon only.

CHAPTER 2 OPERATION



SERVICE UPON RECEIPT OF MATERIEL



1 KEEP MARKING "NOSE END"
OF BOX FACING LEAST
HAZARDOUS AREA

3 STAND TO SIDE
OF "NOSE END"
MARKING.

4 REACH OVER
TOP OF BOX
AND UNFASTEN
WIRE HOOPS

DO NOT USE SHARP
INSTRUMENTS OR HOOKS
TO PRY UP BOX COVER
OR OPEN INNER PAK

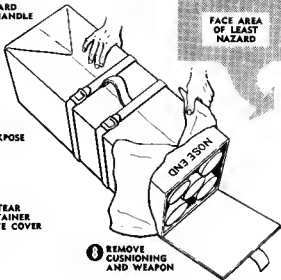
6 REMOVE FIBERBOARD CONTAINER BY HANDLE

6 PULL FLAP AT NOSE END OF BARRIER BAG AND OPEN TO EXPOSE CONTAINER END

7 PULL PREPARED TEAR STRIPS OFF CONTAINER END AND REMOVE COVER

8 REMOVE CUSHIONING AND WEAPON

FACE AREA OF LEAST HAZARD



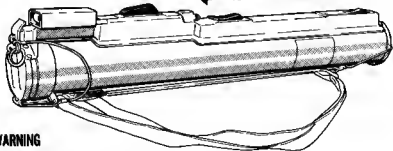
FOLLOWING APPLIES TO TACTICAL AND PRACTICE WEAPONS

CHECK EACH WEAPON SYSTEM FOR

CRACKED TUBE
DENTED PARTS
MISSING PARTS
LOOSE PARTS

FRAYED SLING
LOOSE OR BENT REAR HOOK
LOOSE OR DAMAGED SAFETY MECHANISMS
BLURRED OR INCORRECT NOMENCLATURE

← TRIGGER SAFETY HANDLE MUST BE IN SAFE POSITION



WARNING

DO NOT EXTEND LAUNCHER UNTIL READY FOR USE.

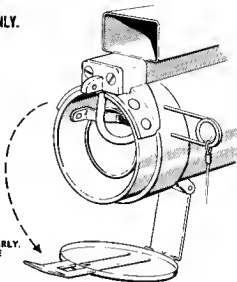
FOR TACTICAL WEAPONS ONLY.

IF TIME PERMITS

**CHECK IGNITER FOR DAMAGE
(BROKEN, CRACKED OR SPLIT)
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR
REMOVING CARRYING SLING)**

IF SO DAMAGED

**TAPE DAMAGED IGNITERS TO
PREVENT LOSS OF IGNITION
MATERIAL. REPLACE SLING ASSEMBLY.
CLOSE REAR COVER AND REPLACE
PULL PIN.**



CARRYING POSITION

**TO CARRY
SLING OVER SHOULDER**

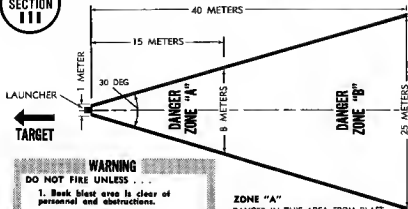


WARNING

**DO NOT CARRY WEAPON IN EXTENDED
POSITION.**



BACK BLAST DANGER ZONES



WARNING

DO NOT FIRE UNLESS . . .

1. Back blast area is clear of personnel and obstructions.
2. Body extremities are clear of Rocket exhaust end.

ZONE "A"

DANGER IN THIS AREA FROM BLAST, HEAT, AND PROJECTED MATERIALS

ZONE "B"

DANGER IN THIS AREA FROM PROJECTED MATERIALS



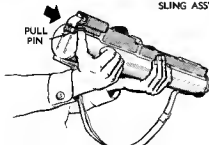
PREPARATION FOR FIRING

All weapons

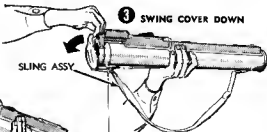


- 1 The Following Steps Are Performed At The Firing Point.

- 2 REMOVE PULL PIN

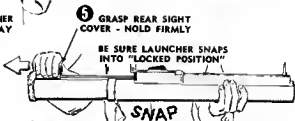
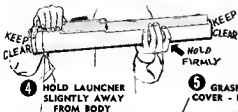


- 3 SWING COVER DOWN



SLING FALLS FREE

IF TWO ATTEMPTS TO LOCK
LAUNCHER OPEN FAIL -
CLOSE AND SET SYSTEM ASIDE
FOR DISPOSAL BY AUTHORIZED
AMMUNITION PERSONNEL
(SEE SECTION X FOR
CLOSING WEAPON)

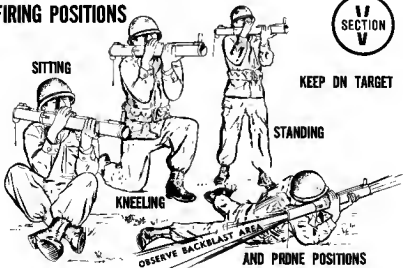


6 EXTEND BY PUSHING OUT WITH RIGHT HAND

WARNING EXTENDING THE WEAPON TOO SLOWLY CAN RESULT IN FAILURE TO COCK THE WEAPON.

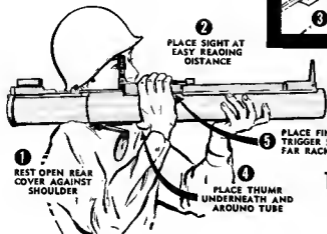
KEEP
LAUNCHER
DN TARGET

FIRING POSITIONS



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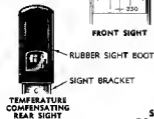
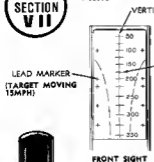
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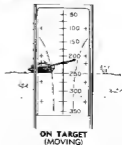
TARGET
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VII
SECTION
VII

AIM



USING RANGE MARKER FOR SIDE VIEW RANGE ESTIMATION



SIGHTS ARE COATED TO AID IN NIGHT FIRING (EXCEPT M72A3)

KEEP LAUNCHER
ON TARGET
IF SYSTEM DOES
NOT FIRE FOLLOW
INSTRUCTIONS IN

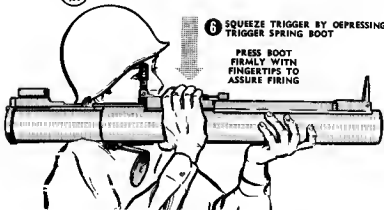
IV
SECTION
1A

FIRE

VIII
SECTION
VIII

6 SQUEEZE TRIGGER BY DEPRESSING
TRIGGER SPRING BOOT

PRESS BOOT
FIRMLY WITH
FINGERTIPS TO
ASSURE FIRING



IV
SECTION
1A

FAILURE OF WEAPON TO FIRE IMMEDIATELY

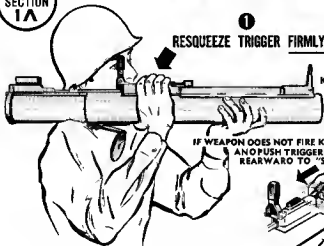
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RESQUEEZE TRIGGER FIRMLY

KEEP ON TARGET

2

IF WEAPON DOES NOT FIRE KEEP ON SHOULDER
AND PUSH TRIGGER SAFETY HANDLE
REARWARD TO "SAFE" POSITION





3 WAIT 10 SECONDS

**THEN
REMOVE LAUNCHER
FROM SHOULDER**

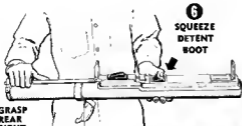
4 WAIT 1 MINUTE

BEFORE RECOCKING

If time is not available lay weapon down pointing at target - abandon.



**KEEP LAUNCHER
ON TARGET**

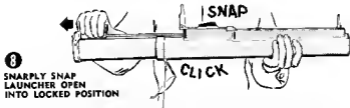


**6
SQUEEZE
DETENT
BOOT**

**5
GRASP
REAR
SIGHT
HOUSING**

**7
PARTIALLY CLOSE LAUNCHER
(APPROXIMATELY 4 INCHES)**

**KEEP ON
TARGET**



**8
SNARPLY SNAP
LAUNCHER OPEN
INTO LOCKED POSITION**

**SNAP
CLICK**

9 PLACE LAUNCHER BACK ON SHOULDER

KEEP
LAUNCHER
ON
TARGET



10 PULL SAFETY FORWARD TO "ARM"

11 AIM

12 DEPRESS TRIGGER ROOT FIRMLY TO FIRE

IF A RECOCKED WEAPON WHICH HAS MISFIRED STILL DOES NOT FIRE, PUSH TRIGGER SAFETY HANDLE TO "SAFE" POSITION AND WAIT

10 SECONDS

THEN

CAREFULLY LAY WEAPON ON GROUND FACING TARGET AND EVACUATE AREA

NOTIFY AUTHORIZED DISPOSAL MUNITION PERSONNEL FOR DISPOSAL OF WEAPON

V
SECTION
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PREPARED FOR - BUT NOT FIRED

1 RETURN SAFETY TO SAFE



TARGET →

2 CAREFULLY REMOVE WEAPON FROM SHOULDER

- 3** GRASP LAUNCHER
RT REAR SIGHT
NOUSING



- 4** SQUEEZE
DETENT
ROOT

- 7** GRASP LAUNCHER
NEAR FRONT SIGHT
AND
HOLD DOWN FRDNT SIGHT



- 5** SLIDE INNER TURE INTO
OUTER TURE APPRDXIMATELY
TWO INCHES

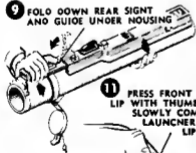
- 8** COMPRESS UNTIL
EDGE OF INNER TURE
TUCHES THUMB LIGHTLY



- 6** REMOVE THUMB FRM
DETENT
ROOT

PERFORM ALL COMPRESSION
ACTIONS SLOWLY TO AVDID INJURY TO FINGERS

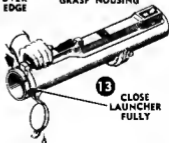
- 9** FOLD DOWN REAR SIGHT
AND GUIOE UNDR NOUSING



- 10** COMPRESS LAUNCHER
UNTIL TRAVEL IS
STOPPED BY LIP ON
FRONT SIGHT

- 11** PRESS FRONT SIGHT
LIP WITH THUMB AND
SLOWLY COMPRESS
LAUNCHER OVER
LIP EDGE

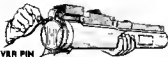
- 12** REMOVE THUMB
FROM FRONT
SIGHT AND
GRASP NOUSING



- 13** CLOSE
LAUNCHER
FULLY

14

REPLACE COVER PIN



KEEP LAUNCHER
POINTED DOWN RANGE



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REPLACE BUFFER PLATE
(M72A3 ONLY)

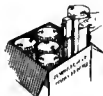


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REPLACE SLING ASSEMBLY



LAUNCHER AND PACKING
SHOULD BE MARKED OR
TAGGED TO INDICATE
LAUNCHER HAS BEEN
EXTENDED



WHEN POSSIBLE
ONCE - EXTENDED
LAUNCHER SHOULD
BE RETURNED TO
ORIGINAL PACKING

CHAPTER 3 MAINTENANCE



OPERATOR MAINTENANCE

NORMAL CONDITIONS
KEEP LAW CLEAN AND DRY

UNUSUAL CONDITIONS
PROTECT LAW FROM MOISTURE,
SNOW, SLEET. CLEAN AS REQUIRED



REPACK

**II
SECTION
II**

**RETURN ALL DEFECTIVE WEAPON SYSTEMS
TO AUTHORIZED MUNITIONS PERSONNEL**

Repack weapon system in original packing box. Make sure box is properly and clearly marked. If box other than original packing box is used, properly mark container to indicate contents.

Protect packed material until shipped. Ship all packed launchers or systems to issuing organization or other authorized personnel as soon as possible.

**EXERCISE CARE IN RETURN
OF USED LAUNCHERS AS THEY
WILL BE REWORKED INTO
THE PRACTICE WEAPON SYSTEM.**